

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 66
By Montgomery

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Margit Worsham for her exemplary community service and commitment to the greater good of Tennessee and the United States.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of the General Assembly should pause to honor those citizens who selflessly serve others and contribute significantly to the growth and prosperity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Margit Worsham has spent her life helping people less fortunate than herself; and

WHEREAS, Margit Worsham has employed her uncanny skills as a fundraiser to insure that non-profit institutions have the money they need to reach out to their communities; and

WHEREAS, a Danish citizen and resident alien of the United States, Margit Worsham has taken an active role in the betterment of both Tennessee and American society; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Worsham was instrumental in the Sevier County United Way fundraising campaign of 2002, assisting her husband, Earl, in his duties as Campaign Chair; she helped raise \$684,862, a 47 percent increase from the previous year's total; as a direct result of her tireless efforts, the Sevier County United Way was recognized for the largest percentage fundraising increase of any United Way in its city-size category in 2002; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, Margit Worsham served as Campaign Chair of Sevier County United Way Campaign and raised \$852,684; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Worsham joined with her husband as Co-Chairperson for the Sevier County United Way Campaign in 2004 and raised over \$900,000, enabling that philanthropic institution to help countless individuals; and

WHEREAS, during her sterling tenure with United Way, Margit Worsham has been directly responsible for the accumulation of more than \$2.5 million in pledges and donations to the Sevier County United Way during its fundraising efforts, a herculean feat by any standard; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Worsham has also assumed a role of leadership in many of East Tennessee's most important organizations, including meritorious service as Board Chair of the Sevier County Arts Council, a board member of the Gatlinburg Gateway Foundation and the East Tennessee Foundation, a member of Gatlinburg First and Lasting Impressions Committee, a member of the Organizing Committee for Gatlinburg's Fourth of July Parade and the Gatlinburg Vision Conference, a board member of the Sevier County Bear and Boar Club, Organizing Co-Chair of the Leadership Sevier Graduation Event, Organizing Committee Member for the Gatlinburg Vision Conference and Sevier County Arts Council Representative to Nine Counties One Vision; and

WHEREAS, Margit Worsham has served both Tennessee and the United States of America through her courageous efforts to preserve America's beautiful landscape, forests, and ecological sites; she is a member of several prestigious conservation groups, including Friends of The Smokies, the North Atlantic Salmon Fund, the Atlantic Salmon Trust, and the Atlantic Salmon Federation; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Worsham has utilized her enthusiasm, motivation, and dedication to better her community, this State, and her adopted homeland of these United States of America; and

WHEREAS, seldom does a person of Margit Worsham's virtue and stature walk among us, and it is fitting that she should be specially recognized for her life of service and commitment; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Margit Worsham our heartfelt thanks for her service to the people of Tennessee, commend her for her exemplary participation in Sevier County United Way fundraising efforts, and offer our best wishes for her every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.